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# SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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## LESSON FOR JUNE 27

**REVIEW: THE NOBLE LIFE OF SAMUEL.**

SELECTION FOR READING—I Sam. 12:1-5, 13-25.

GOLDEN TEXT—I will teach you the good and the right way.—I Sam. 12:23.

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL—I Sam. 1:1-16:23.

PRIMARY TOPIC—Stories About Samuel.

JUNIOR TOPIC—A Boy Who Became a Great Man.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Strong Points in Samuel's Character.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Samuel's Service to His People.

The method of review must largely be determined by the teacher and the grade of the class. For the junior and intermediate grades a good way will be to make it biographical, centering in Gideon, Eli, Samuel, Eli's sons, Saul and David. Of course, the outstanding personality is Samuel whose life may be viewed as follows: First, his parentage; second, meaning of name Samuel—"asked of God," given in answer to prayer; third, dedicated to the service of God; fourth, trained in the temple of God.

For the older classes the following from Peloubet's Select Notes is an interesting and profitable method:

"This review, suited to older classes only, will deal with difficult questions involved in or suggested by the various lessons of the quarter, questions that you may not have had time to discuss adequately during the quarter. Assign one of these to each student, and divide the time evenly among them. The following list of topics may prove helpful, but it is intended to be only suggestive:

Lesson I. How to put religion into our state and national government.

Lesson II. How to utilize better than we are doing the power of women.

Lesson III. How to bring together and use the righteous and brave minority.

Lesson IV. How to single out and help the deserving poor.

Lesson V. How to develop the religious capacities of children.

Lesson VI. How to open the eyes of parents to their children's faults.

Lesson VII. How to bring to bear upon public questions the decisive power of prayer.

Lesson VIII. How to select the best leaders in church and state.

Lesson IX. How to develop individual initiative without the loss of discipline.

Lesson X. How godly men may influence the progress of affairs.

Lesson XI. How to inspire children with lofty ideals.

Lesson XII. How to make our lives serene and trustful.

A plan which can be adapted to all grades is the gathering of the main facts of each lesson and then stating its leading lesson.

The following are suggestions as to the leading lessons:

Lesson for April 4. As Jesus joined the disciples on the way to Emmaus, so he joins all who are journeying life's way in sorrow and says, "Tell me your troubles and perplexities." He wants us to confide in him.

Lesson for April 11. Deborah's judgeship shows that a woman is capable under God not only of the administration of justice, but of leading a nation forth to victory in time of war.

Lesson for April 18. The secret of Gideon's victory was his faith. The ground of his faith was God's word.

Lesson for April 25. Because Ruth forsook country, friends, and her gods for the true God, she has been accorded a place of honor in the ancestry of Christ.

Lesson for May 2. Because Samuel was given in answer to a mother's prayer and was dedicated by her to the Lord's service, the Lord was able to use him in a large way.

Lesson for May 9. Parental indulgence results in the shame and ruin of both Eli and his sons. The father's love should have been lost in the light and justice of the high priest.

Lesson for May 16. When God's people repent of their sins and turn to him for pardon he will not only forgive, but will fight their battles and give victory.

Lesson for May 23. When the people took their eyes off God, their King, they desired a man as king in conformity to the practice of the heathen round about.

Lesson for May 30. Because Jonathan felt the call of God to deliver his people and waited for God's sign for him, he was able to go forward and win a victory in such a way as to show that God was with him.

Lesson for June 6. Because Saul disobeyed the command of God, judgment from the hand of God fell upon him.

Lesson for June 13. God looketh not on the outward appearance, but on the heart; his choices are not arbitrary.

Lesson for June 20. "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want."

**Our Sufficiency Is of God.**

Of ourselves, in the mere strength of our own nature and our own will, we cannot overcome any single lust of our flesh, or resist the pressure of this world's allurement. We are not sufficient for these things, but our sufficiency is of God. The work is done in us, and we outwardly are the agents, but it is done by the Spirit.—Rev. T. T. Carter.

**Does Not Run Backward.**

Tomorrow cannot ruin today. Time's wheel does not run backward. Banish, then, forboding and anxious forecast, and fill today with faithful work, with kindness and courage and hope; and so you will keep tomorrow from being a marplot, and make it a good, honest today when it comes.—Maltbie D. Babcock.

**The Supreme Beauty.**

Mark well also the splendor of this idea of salvation. It is not merely final "safety," to be forgiven sin, to evade the curse. It is not, vaguely, "to get to heaven." It is to be conformed to the Image of the Son. It is for these poor elements to attain to the supreme beauty.

**Seeing and Judging.**

Human nature is so constituted that all see and judge better in the affairs of other men than in their own.—Terence.

# DADDY'S EVENING FAIRY TALE

By Mary Graham Bonner

### MOTHER HEN.

"Mother Hen," said Daddy, "was standing in the barnyard at a very nice shady spot near the barn and around her were all the little chicks. She was guarding them closely for they were still very young.

"Do Not Stop."

"'Cackle, cackle,' she was saying over and over again. 'cackle, cackle. you're my little chicks. Mother's little chicks.

"From nearby came Mr. Rooster's boasting and Red Top, the rooster, was trying to say more and boast harder than Mr. Rooster so that there was a great deal of noise.

"'What is Granddaddy saying?' asked the little chicks.

"'Oh, dear,' said Mother Hen, 'they both start that sort of thing every year. They say that they wish everyone to pay attention to their crowing and not to pay any attention to motor horns.

"They've both been very jealous of motor horns for a long time. They say that years and years ago no one noticed motor horns, but that folks listened to them. And now motor horns even toot to get roosters out of the way. And they don't like it. They're very jealous. I think it will be nice when they get more and more air ships for then they won't bother us to get out of the way.

"We're not going to live on the clouds for them to rush out of their way as they would doubtless like us to do—for I suppose they're like flying motor cars after a fashion.

"But while Mr. Rooster and Red Top and the other roosters are very jealous of motor horns you take your old mother's advice and don't pay any attention to anything but a motor horn when you hear one and get out of the way.

"It's not in the least fair that folks should hurry us out of the good old country roads, but they do and the best thing is to get out of the way as I've said.

"Try to go in the shortest directions. Hens are very apt to rush one way and then the other. We're not very bright and those great dust-stirring things do frighten us the way they go—but they go so fast.

"But do not stop and hear your grandfather and great uncles boasting when you hear a motor horn. Run to safety and away from the road. And also keep clear of the ditches for some people can't drive those motors as well as they should and they don't seem to think that hens have even rights of the ditches. So, remember, your mother's warning.'

"'We will, peep, peep, we will,' said the little chicks, as they stood about their mother.

"'And now,' said Mother Hen, 'I will take you for a nice walk and will show you the beauties of the barnyard. The most beautiful part is here,' said Mother Hen, pointing to one part, 'where the farmer brings us the food.

"'And all along here it is delightful for much of the seed often drops. Further down there is a nice part you see where there are good worms and sometimes the dear Mr. Roosters help us and get some for us. If you're polite, nice, chicks they may get you some, too.'

"The chicks looked about them. 'Over there,' said Mother Hen, 'are some ducklings going down to a brook at the end of the farm.

"'I don't want you to become too friendly with those ducklings for they aren't the sort of playmates Mother Hen cares to have you go with.

"'They are much too fond of water and of getting into puddles and of wading. No, Mother Hen doesn't want her nice little ones to have too much to do with them.

"There Are Some Pigs."

"'Bow to them politely, but do not be intimate with them. By that I mean do not be chummy with them.

"'And in that pen there are some pigs. They aren't good companions for you. They aren't suitable as the playmates of little chicks. But get along with all the creatures.

"'Only always make your best friends among the chicks and of your old Mother Hen,' she added. And the little chicks peeped and they all said they would do as she said, for they wanted her to protect them—they felt so young and so new!"

**Just a Step.**

What is defeat? Nothing but education. Nothing but the first step to something better.—Wendell Phillips.

**Be Considerate.**

Be thoughtful and considerate of others; to be "hard to work with" is to deprive the whole class of the fellowship that will gladden any labor.

**Free Gloves for Pallbearer.**

In many places in England it is customary to present each pallbearer at a funeral with a pair of gloves.

**Camel's Hair in Syria.**

In Syria camel's hair is pulled out in the spring and made into waterproof tents, bags and rugs.

**Not a Bad Guess.**

Little Johnny heard his father reading from the paper that the sultan of Turkey was in doubt as to what the allies meant by "mandate" because the word was very much like the Turkish word for "buffalo," and then his father added, "I suppose it puzzles the old rascal."

"Yes," said Johnny, "but he may not be as dumb as you think. Perhaps he's afraid of being buffaloed."

Texas is producing 80,000,000 barrels of crude oil a year.

# THE MARKETS

BALTIMORE.—Wheat—No. 2 red winter, spot, $3.07.

Corn—Track yellow corn, No. 3 or better, $1.98.

Cob corn is quiet and quotable at $9.25 to $9.50 per brl. for carloads prime nearby yellow on spot.

Oats—No. 2 white, $1.26; No. 3 do, $1.25 asked.

Rye—No. 2 Western, export, spot, $2.38; bag lots nearby rye, as to quality, $1.90@2.20.

Hay—No. 1 timothy (nominal), $43; standard timothy, $42@42.50; No. 2 timothy, $41@41.50; No. 3 timothy, $35@38; No. 1 light clover mixed, $40@41; No. 2 light clover mixed, $37@39; No. 1 clover mixed, $39@39.50; No. 2 clover mixed, $34@37; sample hay, $26@32.

Straw—No. 1 straight rye, $17@17.50; No. 2 straight rye, $16@16.50; No. 1 tangled rye, $15; No. 2 tangled rye, $14@14.50; No. 1 wheat, $12@13; No. 2 wheat, $10@11; No. 1 oat (nominal), $16; No. 2 oat, $15@15.50.

Butter—Creamery, fancy, 58@59c; do, choice, 56@57; do, good, 54@55; do, prints, 59@60; do, blocks, 58@59; ladles, 43@45; Maryland and Pennsylvania rolls, 43@44; Ohio rolls, 43; West Virginia rolls, 43; storepacked, 42½@43; Md., Va. and Penna. dairy prints, 43@44.

Eggs—Maryland, Pennsylvania and nearby firsts, 43c; Western firsts, 43; West Virginia firsts, 43; Southern firsts, 42.

Live Poultry—Chickens, old hens, 4 lbs. and over, 36@37c; small to medium, 36@37; white leghorns, 36; old roosters, 20; springers, 1½ lbs. and over, 65@70; 1¼ to 1½ pounds, 60@65; 1 to ¼ lbs., 50@60; white leghorns, 45@50; ducks, old pekings, 29@30; puddle, 28@29; muscovy, 27@28; small and poor, 25; pigeons, young, per pair, 45@50; old, per pair, 45@50; guinea fowl, each, 75.

Potatoes—Florida, new, per barrel, $10@11; No. 2, $5@6; per 150-lb. sack, No. 1, $7@9; No. 2, $4@5; No. 3, $2@3; N. C. and S. C., per barrel, No. 1, $10.50@11; No. 2, $5@6; Norfolk-Hampton, per barrel, No. 1, $10.50@11; No. 2, $5@6; York River, per barrel, No. 1, $9@10; No. 2, $5@6; Rappahannock, per barrel, No. 1, $9@10; No. 2, $5@6; No. 3, all sections, $3@4.

## LIVE STOCK

BALTIMORE.—Veal, choice, 16@16½c; light, ordinary, 14@15; common, 10@12; heavy, smooth, fat, per head, $25@30; rough, per head, $15@20; small, thin, per head, $8@10.

Sheep—No. 1, wool on, 9@10c; sheared stock, 6@8; old bucks, as to quality, 7@8; common, 5@6.

Lambs—Spring, choice, 17c; fair to good, 15@16.

Beef Cattle—First quality, 12@12½c; medium, 10@11; bulls, as to quality, 7@9; thin steer and cows, 5@7; oxen, as to quality, 6@8; milk cows, choice to fancy, per head, $60@80; common to fair, per head, $30@50.

Hogs—Straight, per lb., 14c; sows, 10@12; stags and boars, 6@8; live pigs, 17@20; shoates, 14@16.

CHICAGO.—Cattle—Top, $16.90; bulk, $13.75@16.50; butcher stock mostly steady, but slow on common and medium kind; bulk butcher cows, $8@10.50; bulk canners, $4.65@5; stockers and feeders dull.

Hogs—Top, $15.50; bulk, light and light butchers, $15.20@15.45; bulk, 250 pounds and over, $14.40@15.20; pigs strong to 25c higher, with bulk, $12@13.

Sheep—Bulk, $14@16.50; best yearlings, $14.50; choice handyweight ewes, $7.50@8, and heavyweight, $6.50@7.25.

PITTSBURGH, PA.—Cattle—Prime, $16@16.50.

Sheep—Prime wethers, $10@10.50; spring lambs, $12@17.

Veal calves, $15@16.

Hogs—Prime heavies, $16.25@16.50; mediums and heavy Yorkers, $16.50@16.75; light Yorkers, $15@15.25; pigs, $14@14.50; roughs, $10@12.50.

NEW YORK—Calves—Veals, $12.50@16.50; culls, $10@12; skim milk calves, $9@10.

Sheep and Lambs—Sheep, $6@9; culls, $4@5.50; lambs, $13@16.25; two cars choice, $17.25.

Hogs—Steady at $15.75@16.25; pigs, $15; roughs, $13.

EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL.—Cattle—Top steers, $15.25; bulk, $12@14.75; yearling steers and heifers steady to 25c lower; canner cows steady at $4.50@5; bulls and calves steady; good and choice vealers, $13.75@14.50.

Hogs—Top, $15.55; bulk light and mediumweights, $15.20@15.50; bulk heavies, $14.75@15.30.

Sheep—Best lambs, 25c to 50c lower; sheep, 50c lower; ewe lambs, $1 lower; top lambs, $16; bulk, $15@16; top ewes, $7.50; bulk, $7@7.50.

NEW YORK.—Wheat—Spot steady; No. 2 red, No. 2 hard and No. 2 mixed durum, $3, c. i. f. track New York export. Spot steady; No. 2 yellow, $2.07¼, cost and freight New York June shipment.

Oats—Spot easy; No. 1 white, $1.33@1.34.

Butter—Creamery, higher than extras, 58½@59c; extras (92 score), 57½@58; do, firsts (88 to 91 score), 53@56½; packing stock, current make, No. 2, 41.

Eggs—Storage packed extra firsts, 47@48c; do, firsts, 44@46¼; fresh gathered extra firsts, 54@47½; do firsts, 42@44; state, Penna. and near-by Western hennery white, first to extra, 47@56; do, brown extras, 50@53; do, gathered brown and mixed colors first to extra, 42@49.

No economy movement that prescribes last year's hats for women can succeed.

To get the rug good and clean, just imagine while you are beating it that it is the landlord.

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## "Excess Profits Tax Is Indirect Tax of the Most Insidious Kind."

By L. F. LOREE, New York State Chamber of Commerce.

The effect of excess profit taxes on business enterprises and on the high cost of living is so evident as to require little explanation. We have the word of former Secretary Glass that this tax encourages "wasteful expenditure, puts a premium on overcapitalization and a penalty on brains, energy and enterprise, discourages new ventures and confirms old ventures in their monopolies." What further need be said in condemnation?

It may be appropriate, however, to indicate the fact that as the commodity or raw material passes from the planter, or grower, or producer to the factor, and so on to the manufacturer, the jobber, the wholesaler and retailer, each process of distribution witnesses an addition to the cost at each stage of progress, of an indeterminate amount more than sufficient in the estimate of each intermediary to cover his excess profits tax and that all of these increases are included in the price paid by the consumer for the finished product.

These added costs have no legitimate relation to original cost. As an example of one of these costs, the head of an important manufacturing enterprise has recently stated that his corporation paid in one year to the federal government taxes in a sum more than double the nominal profits retained by the company, more than five times the sum distributed in dividends to the investors whose capital it utilized, and nearly two-thirds the total amount distributed to the workers by way of wages, and this may be considered typical.

The excess profits tax is an indirect tax of the most insidious kind. The laborer, the clerk, those dependent on small incomes from investment, and all whose earnings are less than the exemption allowed under the law, are not taxed under the law. Few of them realize that they are taxed at all. This entire class, however, as well as others with larger incomes, pays a heavy toll each day for the necessities of life and would, if it realized the fact, be among the strongest advocates of excess profits tax repeal.

It follows naturally that to the extent excess profits are assessed, our export tax is penalized. The products of the manufacturer and of the farmer cannot so readily be sold abroad in competition with those of other countries if their prices are inflated under operation of an excess profits tax. Markets secured during the war are in danger of being lost to the American exporter through the effect of the excess profits taxes.

## Prevent Decay of Teeth by Teaching Children to Keep Mouths Clean.

By DR. A. D. BLACK, Northwestern University Dental School.

Definite and practical plans for instructing children in the technic of caring for the teeth have been worked out during the last six years, particularly in Bridgeport, Conn., where twenty-six hygienists are engaged in the education of 20,000 children in the public and parochial schools in the problems of mouth hygiene. During the five years ending January, 1919, this service had reduced the number of retarded children (those who were required to take a year over) in the eight grades of the grammar school just fifty per cent.

The cost of re-educating these children equaled 42 per cent of the entire budget in 1912, and was reduced to 17 per cent in 1918. During this same period and apparently as a result of this service, communicable diseases were wonderfully reduced. The figures for diphtheria were changed from 36 per cent to 18 per cent, for measles from 20 per cent to 4 per cent, for scarlet fever from 14.1 per cent to 0.5 per cent. There is good reason to believe that the establishment of this school of dental hygienists is the beginning of an educational campaign which will be far-reaching in the improvement of the health of the nation. Teeth are preserved; healthier bodies and minds are developed; much of constitutional diseases is prevented. Could there be a finer public service?

Chicago has over 300,000 children in the grade schools. A few years ago members of the Chicago Dental society examined the mouths of about 80,000 children and found fully 95 per cent in need of dental service. It is impracticable to supply dental service to adequately meet this demand. The record of the dental hygienists in the Bridgeport schools has, however, pointed out a thoroughly practical solution which is a much more rational method—that of preventing decay by teaching the children to keep their mouths clean. It seems so certain that this service will soon come to be a part of the training of the children in our public schools that the establishment of a school for the training of women hygienists is likely to be an important factor in the furtherance of the general child welfare movement.

## Bureau of War Risk Insurance Faces Its Big Task With Confidence.

By COL. R. G. CHOLMELEY-JONES, Director.

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